

REMARKS

Status of the Application

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 6-8 are the claims that have been examined in the application. Claims 1, 2, 4 and 6-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tamura (US Publication 2001/0029430 A1), and in view of Watanabe et al. (U.S. Publication 2003/0128211 A1), and Doulton et al. (US Patent 4,512,667).

By this Amendment, Applicants hereby amend claim 1. Applicants respectfully request the amendment be entered, as the amendment recites subject matter from inadvertently canceled claim 5, and thus the subject matter has previously been examined and subjected to a search by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

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Claim 1 is hereby amended to include the subject matter of original claim 5 which was indicated as being allowable by the Examiner in the Office Action dated June 4, 2007. See page 5 of the Office Action dated June 4, 2007. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 1 places the application in condition for allowance. Claims 2, 4 and 6-8 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency from amended claim 1.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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